Press Announcement

The Department of State's Office of Overseas Buildings Operations has announced that a contractor has been selected for the Design/Build contract for the New Embassy Compound to be constructed on Gradiste. <u>Kellogg Brown & Root</u> Services, Incorporated, of Arlington, Virginia, will have full responsibility for the project including selection of all sub-contractors, vendors, and consultants.

Any inquiries from potential sub-contractors, vendors, or consultants should be directed to <u>Kellogg Brown & Root</u>. The Embassy will have no role in recommending individuals or companies. It will not collect information from potential contractors, serve as a conduit for information or queries, or in any way influence the company's decisions. The contract number for the New Embassy Compound project in Skopje is S-ALMEC-05-C-0049.

Further design details must still be determined and approved in Washington before ground breaking for the new US Embassy in Skopje can take place. Completion is estimated to occur in 2008.